2.11 MADHYA PRADESH

2.11.1 Administration: The sanctioned strength of the Directorate of Archives is 52, of which a number of posts remained unfilled during the period due to paucity of trained staff. The State Archives has two repositories, at Indore and Nagpur, and there is a plan to set up repositories at Raipur and Rewa also to preserve records available there

2.11.2 Budget: During 1978-79 a sum of Rs.14,609.15 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.30,000 on the non-plan side and on plan side a sum of Rs.2,49,400.56 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.5,64,000. For 1979-80, a sum of Rs.3,13,000 and Rs.3,21,000, have been provided in the non-plan and plan budget provisions respectively.

2.11.3 Building: The department has no building of its own, and at present the Archives is located in the campus of the Old Secretariat, Bhopal. However, a proposal for construction of a new building on scientific lines is under consideration of the State Government, and a sum of Rs.50,000 has been earmarked towards the same in the budget of 1979-80.

2.11.4 Record Management: Post-1920 records of Mahakoshal region were reviewed and 16% of these were marked for retention and the remaining 84% for weeding. A retention schedule is followed while reviewing papers.

2.11.5 Research Reference: 6 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 2 queries on records were attended to from private agencies. Besides, 48 records were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 168 by research scholars.

2.11.6 Reference Media: 6,202 files were listed during the period under review (file details not available).

2.11.7 Publication Programme: A booklet entitled 'Rare Exhibits from Nagpur Repository' was brought out on the eve of the 46th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Aurangabad in January, 1979. Besides, another booklet "An Introduction to the State Archives, Madhya Pradesh" is under preparation.

2.11.8 Preservation of Records: During 1978-79, 460 sheets were flattened, 443 sheets repaired with tissue paper, 25 with chiffon and 443 with acetate foil. 70 books were guarded and 740 books were bound.

2.11.9 Library: 210 books were acquired during the period under review. The present library is being organised as a research and reference library headed by a Chief Librarian. Besides, similar libraries are proposed to be set up at other repository centres.

2.11.10 Other Activities: The survey of pre-1947 records in the state is in progress since 1976 and thousands of files have been located at district level, preserved in various collectorates, particularly at Satna and Rajgarh districts.

(ii) A guide to the records available in the Nagpur record room is being prepared.